To the Honourable Benjamin Tasker, Esq; President of his Lord- L.H. J. ship's Honourable Council in Maryland, and Commander in Liber No. 47 Chief thereof;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it please your Honour,

It appearing to this House, that by an Act entituled, An Act for setting the Administration of this Government of this Province, in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, 'till his Lordship's Pleasure shall be further known therein, That in case of the Death or Absence of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, the first Person named by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, and in his Lordship's Commission, to be of his Lordship's Honourable Council for the Time being, then living and actually residing in this Province, and, upon his Death or Absence, the next Person likewise named of his Lordship's said Council, actually living and residing as aforesaid, successively, shall immediately take upon him the Administration of the Government of this Province, &c.

This House being always desirous to know the Authority, whereby the Execution of the Powers of this Government is carried on, pray that your Honour will order to be laid before this House any particular Power, by which the Administration of this Government hath devolved on your Honour; and if, by the aforesaid Act, that your Honour will order to be laid before this House his Lordship's Commission to his Council of State.

Which was read and assented to, and signed, on Behalf of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Capt. Waggaman and Capt. Crabb do acquaint his Honour the President, this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker that the President was pleased to signify he would receive the Address on the Morrow Morning, at 10 of the Clock, in the Conference Chamber.

On motion that an Address be prepared to his Honour the Presi- p. 216 dent, on his Speech; Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Thursday Morning, June 4, 1752.

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The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday. The Proceedings of yesterday were read.